

Appl. No. 10/039,403  
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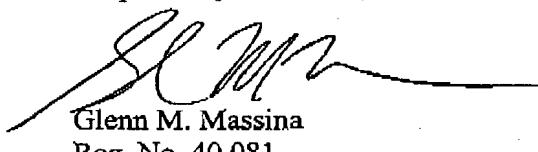
### REMARKS

Applicants thank the examiner for the allowance of claims 25-44. The examiner has acknowledged that claims 10, 15-24 and 49-50 are directed to allowable subject matter. Claim 10 has been incorporated in to claim 1, claim 15 has been rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of claim 1, and claim 49 has been incorporated in to claim 45.

It is respectfully submitted that pending claims 1-9, 11-48 and 50 are in condition for allowance. Early reconsideration and allowance of the pending claims are respectfully requested.

If the examiner believes an interview, either telephonic or in person, will advance the prosecution of this matter, it is respectfully requested that the examiner get in contact with the undersigned.

Respectfully submitted,



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